HOUSE No. 1935

By Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield, petition of Peter J. Larkin and others for legislation to promote the use of seat belts by junior operators of motor vehicles. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Peter J. Larkin John W. Scibak Edward G. Connolly Mark J. Carron Stephen M. Brewer

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT PROMOTING THE SAFETY OF JUNIOR OPERATORS BY REQUIRING THE WEARING OF SEAT BELTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 8 of chapter ninety of the General Laws, as appearing
- 2 the 2002 Official Edition, is amended by adding after the fifth
- 3 paragraph after line 81 the following paragraph:
- 4 A person holding a junior operator's license who operates a
- 5 motor vehicle without a seat belt shall be subject to a fine of
- 6 twenty-five dollars and this provision shall be enforced by law
- 7 enforcement agencies and the operator may be stopped even if
- 8 there is no other violation of the motor vehicle laws or some other
- 9 offense.